

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 163

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Andy Pugh upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Andy Pugh, who has devoted many years to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes; on March 19, 2005, Mr. Pugh will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, Andy Pugh began teaching and coaching in 1970 at Halls Junior High School; he was Head Coach of the junior high football team from 1970-1972; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pugh was Head Coach for the Halls High School baseball team between 1970-1977 and 1981-1992, Assistant Football Coach from 1973-1976, Assistant Basketball Coach from 1973-1976, and Head Football Coach from 1976-1993; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Head Football Coach, Andy Pugh won over 100 games, had 9 State Playoff appearances, and attained a 3-2 record in bowl games; in baseball, he advanced to the State Final Four in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pugh served as the Principle of Halls Junior High School from 1972-1979, and he served as Halls High School's Athletic Director from 1979-1994, Assistant Principal from 1992-1995, and Principle from 1995 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pugh has received numerous coaching awards including, the Midwest A Conference Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1982, the Tennessee Athletic Coaches

Association (TACA) District Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1985, and the Northwest Officials Association Coach of the Year in 1989; in addition to the aforementioned awards, Coach Pugh was awarded the Man of the Year for Community Service by the Halls Police Department in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the significance of Mr. Pugh's impact cannot be adequately measured by winning seasons alone; his positive impact on the lives of his students, athletes, fellow teachers, and administrators still resounds in the community today; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Andy Pugh has been supported by his loving wife, Donna and his two daughters, Amanda and Angela; and

WHEREAS, for the above and many other accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Pugh has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Andy Pugh is a man of true character and commitment, and he exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mould the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family and friends of Andy Pugh in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor, and commend Mr. Pugh for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator, and offer our thanks for the dedication which he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.